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News

QSL preview and update from Ken LA7GIA

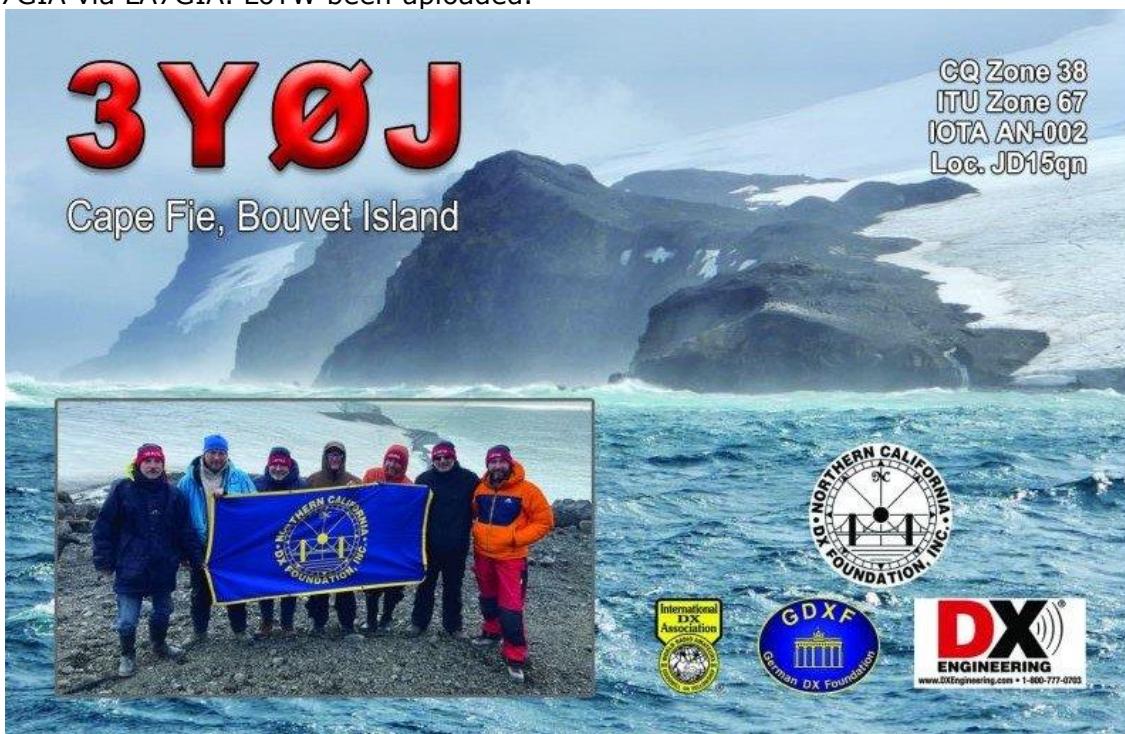
There will be a separate QSL card for the /MM operation where we used our individual calls. The GRID will be matched for each QSO. Please QRX, QSL via DL6KVA.

LoTW have been uploaded for \$200 and \$350 category. Some are missing due to incomplete information. If you have not got yours, send email to board@ardxpeditions.com

LoTW will be uploaded for upfront donors soon. Be patient there is some manual work for us. QSL cards will be printed by Tony LZ1JZ. Thanks to Tony for providing cards free of charge!

QSL 3Y7THA via M0OXO

QSL 3Y7GIA via LA7GIA. LoTW been uploaded.



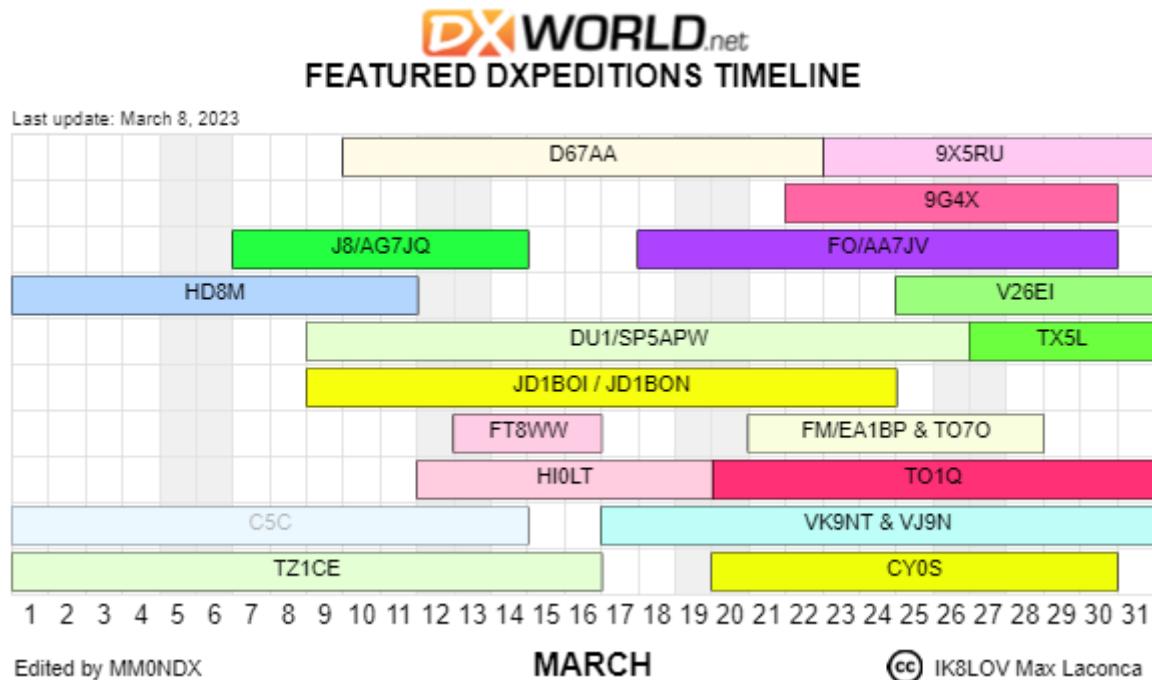
9U5R Burundi –update

Vlad OK2WX / 9U4WX informs that Elvira 9U5R went QRT yesterday. She made 32K QSOs in total. Combined, 9U5R and 9U4WX made over 60K QSOs between with 16K on CW and SSB.

CY0S Sable Island –update by Lee WW2DX

'Hi @DX_World – please update that with a lot of repacking and dropping of backup coax runs I can take the IC-9700 and replace the IC-705. We are just over the allowed weight but we are confident we can remove a few more items to make SATS happen! #amsat'

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

DX tour by Brian M0NSI

During a cruise aboard Celebrity Eclipse, Brian will do some land based operations:

KH6, Hawaii KH6/M0NSI March 8-13

JA, Japan call pending March 14-17

5Z4, Kenya license pending March 18-April1

6W, SENEGAL Willy, ON4AVT is once again QRV from Warang as 6W7/call. Activity until March 31. Operating from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

6Y, JAMAICA Neville, G3RFS is active as 6Y5FS until end March. Activity on HF mainly using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS or LoTW.

9G, GHANA Alan, G3XAQ is operating as 9G5XA until March 14. Focus on the RSGB Commonwealth Contest. QSL via G3SWH OQRS.

9X, RWANDA Currently [travelling Africa](#) in a campervan and previously active as 9J2SEU, V5/OE3SEU, ZS/OE3SEU & 5H3SE, Eddy OE3SEU is now in the capital of Rwanda (Kigali). He has acquired the callsign 9X3SE and will QRV when possible. You can follow his tracks [here](#). QSL only LoTW.

C5, THE GAMBIA Team C5C is once again active until March 14. Operators are F5RAV, F5NWF and MONPT. Operation on HF and possible QO-100.

D4, CAPE VERDE Luca, HB9OBD is QRV from Santa Maria as D44KIT until April 4. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

D6, COMOROS Hiro, JF1OCQ will be active as D67AA between March 10-20. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

EA6, BALEARIC ISL Look for OK2PYA as EA8/call until March 10. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

FG, GUADELOUPE Gildas, F6HMQ and Michel, F6GWV are again active until March 26 as FG/calls. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contests as TO3Z is included. QSL via F6HMQ.

FM, MARTINIQUE Francis, F6BWJ is QRV as FM/call during January-March. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, PSK and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

FT/W CROZET ISL Thierry, F6CUK is active as FT8WW. Latest information now is that he will be

active for the last days starting again after one week of ceased operation on March 13 until March 16. Then is the final QRT.

GU, GUERNSEY Ron G4DIY and Jay M0UNN are active as MP7DX until March 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via G4DIY and LoTW.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS from Manakwai Village (northern Malaita Isl). Activity until May 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

St Vincent, J8



HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Jim WB2REM, Chris VO1IDX, Mitch KH6M and Bob KE2D are active from Santa Cruz as HD8M. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 until March 11. QSL via WB2REM direct, OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.hd8m.com/index.html>

HP, PANAMA Phil, VA3QR has announced he will be operating from Panama during the month of March. QRV on SSB and digi. QSL via home call. The callsigns to be used at various times of the month depending on location: HP1/VA3QR, HP3/VA3QR & HP8/VA3QR.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until March 13. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES Thomas, F4HPX is active from several islands within St. Vincent and the Grenadines until March 14 as J8/AG7JQ. QRV mostly as a mobile station. Activity mainly in SSB with some FT8/FT4. QSL via home call direct or bureau.

JD1, OGASAWARA Take, JA1UII will once again be active as JD1BON between March 9 and March 24. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

JD1, OGASAWARA Koji, JI1LET will be active from Chichijima as JD1BOI between March 9 and March 24. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct only.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON is operating as PJ2/call until March 22 as PJ2/call. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Tom, AA9A is once again operating as PJ7AA until April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and Club Log. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI Originally planned to operate from Banaba as T33BA & T33BB, DF6FK and DL2ZAD will now be active from Tarawa, Western Kiribati as T30BA & T30BB in the coming days. QRV on HF bands. QSL via Club Log. No LoTW.

TI, COSTA RICA Joe, VE3BW is active as TI7/call until around March 12. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. *'The house is located 1000 feet up a hillside on the west coast near Samara I will be travelling back and forth from Canada for the next year, eventually more permanent in 2024. Arriving Feb 26th-Depart around March 12th. QRV all modes 160-6 meters. The QTH will be available to be rented by Hams (and non hams). Permanent station will be available and a link to licence etc. 10 minutes from the beach.'*

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is active as TR8CR until mid-March. Active from 30 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

TZ, MALI Ulmar, DK1CE is again operating as TZ1CE until March 16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

V3, BELIZE Walt W0CO and Mary K0ZV are active as V31DJ (CW) and V31DK (SSB), working with 800W and dipole antennas on the HF bands. Operation until March 11. QSL via home calls, LoTW or via OQRS.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Pete, G0TLE is once again QRV as V4/call from the V47JA QTH. QRV until March 17 in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

VK9W, WILLIS ISL Sands, VU2WXW is operating as VK9WX until end April.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/VK9WX>

Back in time...FO0AAA Clipperton Island 2000



VP2M, MONTSERRAT Thaire, W2APP is once again QRV as VP2MDX until March 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, N9EAJ is operating as VP5/call until March 22. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log and LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Joel, NF3R is once again operating as ZF2RJ until March 10. Operation on HF using FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

Coming up soon

9G, GHANA A large team with Gregg W6IZT, George N4GRN, Hal W8HC and others will be active as 9G4X between March 22 and March 30. The team will operate 3 stations 160m-10m with a 4th station dedicated to 6m as well as a 5th station QRV on QO-100. QSL via K4NHW, OQRS and LoTW.

9X, RWANDA The Russian DX team with R7AL, R5EC, RW9JZ, R5AF, OK8AU, RT9L, R9LR and UA3QLC will be active as 9X5RU between March 22 and April 7. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a Dxpedition has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The Dxpedition team will be active as CY0S during March 20-30. <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/index.htm>

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be QRV as FM/call and as TO7O between March 21 and March 28. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. Outside the contest he will be on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

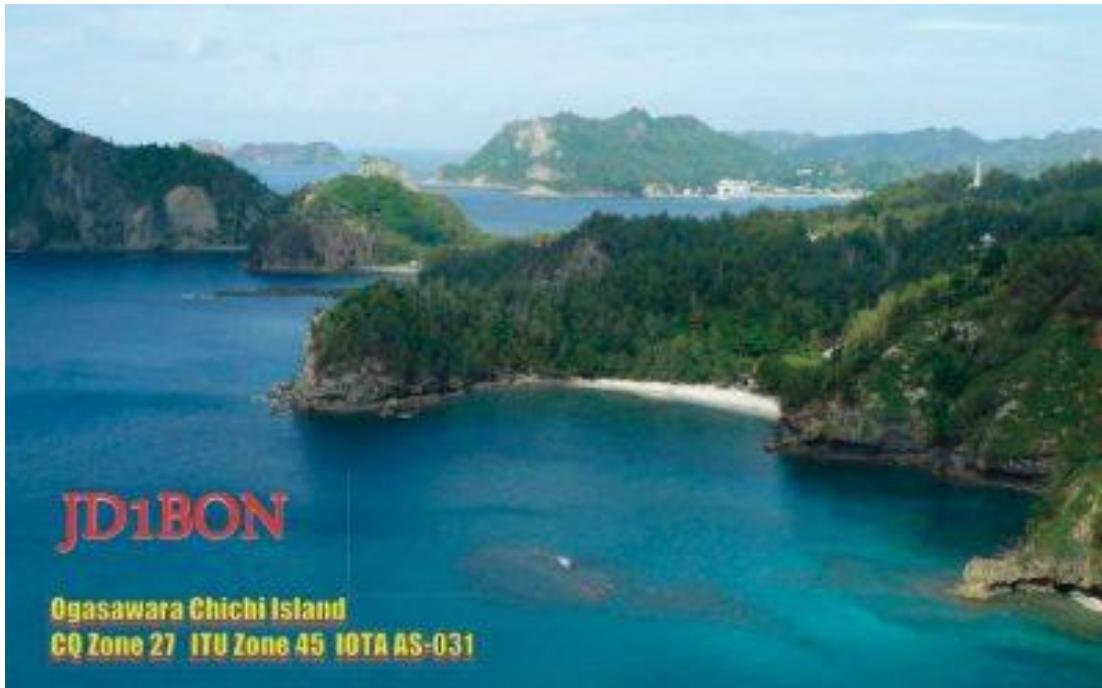
V4, ST KITTS Bob, N4RF will be operating as V4/call between March 19 and April 1. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, LoTW or Club Log.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISL Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ and Patrick VK2PN, along with guest operators Matt K0BBC and Tom VK3FTOM, will be active as VK9NT between March 17 and March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 and "some basic 6m" with up to

three stations, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VJ9N. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Look for the EIDX group as VP2MEI around March 23 and April 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will once again be active as YJ0CA between March 18 and March 28. Operation with a vertical and dipoles on various bands. QSL via home call.



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-015 Penang Isl Rich, PA0RRS is active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS- 015), West Malaysia until March 29. He operates CW (most of the time "no split") and digital modes (RTTY, FT8 and FT4) on 40-10m. On FT8, he says, if there are too many callers he will switch to F/H on 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21084, 24911, 28091 kHz. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via PA0RRS.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Pierre, VK3KTB will once again be active as VY0ERC between March 15 and April 12. Operation during his spare time as the main purpose of his trip is work related at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory (PEARL).

NA-122 Isla Cabras Team members of Loma del Toro DX Club will be operating as HI0LT during March 12-19. Operation from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via EB7DX.

OCEANIA

OC-092 Calayan Isl DU1/SP5APW March 18-26

OC-244 Marinduque Isl DU1/SP5APW/P March 9-14

Jacek, SP5APW informs his next trip in March 2023. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. On 6 meter will he work digital only. 'Last activity from OC-092 took place back in 2017 and from OC-244 back in 2018.

On the scene...3B7M St Brandon -now QRT



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

EA6, BALEARIC ISL Philippe, EA4NF will be operating on satellite as EA6/EA4NF from April 5 to 8. Portable activation with a FT818ND and a FT817ND operating in full Duplex with an Alaskan Arrow Antenna and also handheld + whip antenna. QSL via LoTW. Keep an eye on Philippe's Twitter feed for further updates : @EA4NF_SAT

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Look for FK4QX, FK4RD and FK8IK from Lifou island OC-033 as TX5L during March 27-31. QRV on HF bands. QSL via F4FTV.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Didier, F6BCW will be operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

V2, ANTIGUA Members of the EI DX Group will be active as V26EI between March 24 and April 2. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes with 4 stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH

KH0, MARIANA ISL Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KH0/call

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

V7, MARSHALL ISL October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

3A, MONACO Ennio, IW1RBI and others will be active as 3A/call during April 20-23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and CW. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

4U, ITU GENEVA A team with ON5UR, ON6AJ, ON8AZ and RW3AH will be operating as 4U100Q0 during May 18-20. This is the first time that there will take a QO100 activation take place. Also active as 4U1A.

9M0, SPRATLY ISL DXONE is valid for a Dxpedition to Kalayaan, Spratly Islands sometime within the first 6 months of 2023. Team will be with Mike DU1XX, Jong DU3JA, Ed 4F1OZ and Gil 4F2KWT. No specific date(s) yet set for the expedition. License was issued to Gil, 4F2KWT.

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q end March/beginning

April, dates to be confirmed soon. Activity on HF and 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

FH, MAYOTTE ISL Dom, F4IFF will be active as FH/call between April 1-9. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX. More to follow.

FO0, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as TX5XG during April 12-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active from Hiva Oa Island (call pending) during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via EA5GL or Club Log OQRS.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

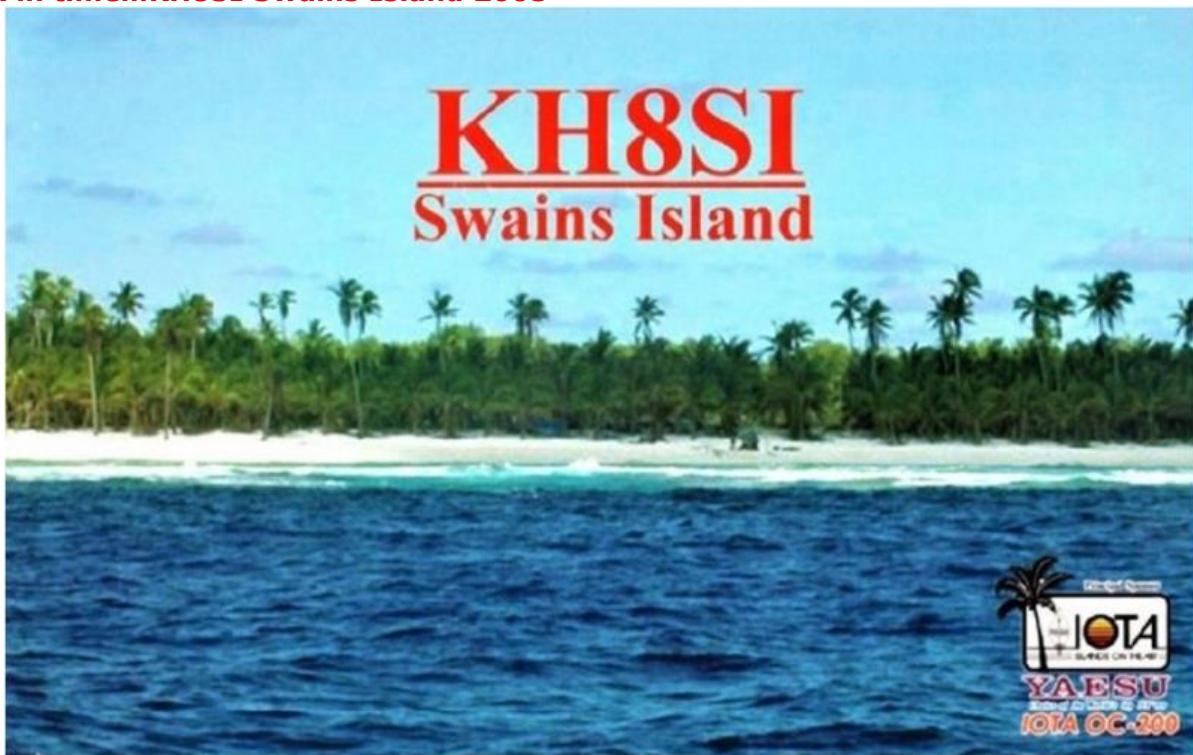
FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between October 31 and November 14. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. [Temotu 2023 DXpedition – Intrepid DX Group \(intrepid-dx.com\)](http://www.intrepid-dx.com/)

HK0, SAN ANDRES ISL For a 2 week period in May 2023 (dates to be announced), Renato will again be active from San Andres island as HK0/PY8WW.

Back in time...KH8SI Swains Island 2005



JD1, OGASAWARA Look for JD1BQP (JP1IHD) from Chichijima between April 29 and May 6, 2023. Operation mainly on HF using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Stian LB5SH, Bjorn LA1UW, Tor LA3WAA and Kristoffer LB0VG will be active OJ0/calls between May 20 and May 27. Operation with 2 stations from 80 to 4 meter using CW, SSB and digital.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS John, W5JON will be QRV as PJ5/call during March 28 and April 4. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via direct or LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Look for PJ5/PA4O and PJ5/PE6Q between July 6 and July 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included as

PJ5C. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

PJ6, SABA PJ6DX callsign recently added to the QRZ.com database by Tom KH0/KC0W. This will be a CW DXpedition. More to follow.

T8, PALAU Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Seth, KD9TAW will be operating as VP2V/call from Tortola between April 18 and April 22. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, W0UV will be operating as VP5/call between April 4 and April 11. Activity on HF using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

XU, CAMBODIA This Dxpedition had been due to take place during March, however since many of the team were from Ukraine it's clear it had to be postponed. Juris YL2GM, team leader explains: My team planned expedition XU7AKT in March. The expedition had to be cancelled due to the war in Ukraine. However, Latvian Radiosport Federation supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating. More info can be found on the LRSF homepage: <https://www.lral.lv/lrsf/index.html>

YJ, VANUATU A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

Norwin Island OC-253, V6



IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-153 West Bengal A group of VU operators will activate from one of those islands on April 18. More details coming soon.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-023 Amami-O Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will once again be operating as call/6 during May 6-8.

Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

EUROPE

EU-125 Fano Isl A Belgian IOTA team will be active as 5P5FI between April 22 and April 29. More to follow.

EU-189 Isle of Rockall The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will be operating between September 15 and September 21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter depending free space for antennas. Call is pending. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

OCEANIA

OC-067 Huahine Isl Didier, F6BCW will be operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

OC-237 Gili Ketapang Isl Huzen, YE3BYE/P will be QRV between May 15 and May 21. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

Antarctic Base

Amundsen-Scott Station George KJ4CHT is the overwintering doctor at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica. He's a newcomer to the ham radio hobby (previously only having local FM QSO experience), however is becoming familiar with remote set up, using [Ham Radio Deluxe](#) logbook, and is looking forward to trying HF bands soon. QSL manager, Bill K7MT, suggests George will be most likely on 20 SSB. Callsign to look out for: **KC4AAA**

Davis Base Look for Allan, VK0AW to be active from Davis Station, Antarctica. He aims to be QRV using simple wire antennas and a Barrett commercial transceiver (400w). Allan's line of work is IT, and it should be noted he is a brand new radio amateur; please be patient with him in pileups. QSL via EB7DX who will handle LoTW, Club Log OQRS duties. Allan will be there for until February 2024.

Esperanza Base Juan, LU8DBS is currently stationed at Esperanza Base, Antarctica (AN-016) for the Antarctic Summer. In his spare time he is QRV as LU1ZV on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB; in February CW and digital modes will be added. QSL direct to LU4DXU.

Halley VI base Seba, SQ1SGB is active from 75° 35' 00" S, 26° 34' 00" W – Loc: HB64RK. Halley Research Station is a research facility on the Brunt Ice Shelf operated by the British Antarctic Survey (*tnx F8DVD*).

Maitri Base Station Sunny, VU2CUW is active from the Indian Maitri Base (70°46'S – 11° 43'E). When time permits he will QRV on HF bands using AT42I callsign – 42nd scientific expedition. More info to follow..

Mawson Station Allan, VK0AW will be based at Mawson Station (not Davis Station), Antarctica for one year starting around mid-February. He is new to the amateur bands, and still inexperienced in pile-up technique. QSL via EB7DX and LoTW.

Novolazarevskaya Station Look for Oleg, ZS1OIN as RI1ANU from Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica. QRV on HF bands when time permits using IC-7300, amplifier and beam antennas. QSL via H/c.

Palmer Station For the 2022/23 US-Antarctic scientific season, there's a new ham operator based at Palmer Station, Anvers Island, AN-012. Look out for Cody running KC4AAC on the HF bands when time permits. There is a triband antenna at the station. QSL via K7MT.

Vostok Station Look out for Alex UG1A (ex RD1AV), Ivan UB1AQB and Zahar (ex UH4NAE) to be active during their spare time (January 1 to March 31, 2023) from Vostok Station, Antarctica as RI1ANC and/or RI30ANT (30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club). RI1ANC QSL via RN1ON. RI30ANT QSL via RZ3EC.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

4X, ISRAEL Special event stations **4X01I** and **4X02I** will be active from Moa (WWL KM70nm, Holyland Square J31BS) and Kasra (WWL KM70nn, Holyland Square H31BS), respectively, on 10-11 March. Both sites are located in the World Heritage-designated area of the "Incense Route and the Desert Cities in the Negev". QSLs via 4X6ZM, and logserach on <https://www.iarc.org/incense/>. The Incense Trade Route was an ancient network of major land and sea trading routes linking the Mediterranean world with eastern and southern sources of incense, spices and other luxury goods. (TNX 425DX)

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND **GB1PAT** and **GB2PAT** are the special callsigns for members of the Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club (MNOGKL) to use on 1-28 March to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. QSLs via LoTW only. Three certificates will be available for making contact with both callsigns on different bands, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/GB1PAT>. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA A group of contestants from India will activate special call **AT3K** (Alpha Tango 3 Kilo) during CQ WPX contest this year. Group is lead by seasoned competitor VU2XE Kiran with VU2YYF Sid (Ex VU3NXI) and VU2IBI Kash as co leaders. Other operators who are going to join this contest are VU2DED Ajay, VU2AE Srivats, VU3SPD Speed, VU3DMP Chetz, VU2MUD Madhu, VU2SBJ Sri, VU2BQN Manu and VU2JIX Prakash. This will be team's first multi multi operation from a modular station concept designed and built by Center for Systems Designs (CSD) at NITK (National Institute of Technology Karnataka). Entire station project is developed under NITK's social outreach program called SEARCH aiming for advanced studies and application of technology during disaster relief including VHF and HF long range communications, Satellites, Weather research, application of AI models, autonomous vehicle rescue systems and early warnings etc.

XE, MEXICO Special callsign **4B0T** will be used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon XE1KK says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". 4B0T will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

Little Brewster Island NA-148, W1



THE REMINDERS

5H, TANZANIA **5H100TC** is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES On the occasion of the Kuwait national and liberation day, the

callsign **A60KWT** will be activated by the EARS radio club and A60KWT/0 through A60KWT/14 by individual operators. QSL info for each station on QRZ.com. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45th anniversary until September 30, 2023. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June 2023. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN Look for **EG4IF, EG1GURU, EG2GURU, EG3GURU, EG4GURU, EG5GURU** and **EG7GURU** to be QRV from various SOTA locations during March. This activity is a tribute to Jose-Antonio Gurutzarri "Guru" Jauregi (EA2IF), an outstanding personality of the Summits On The Air programme, who passed away on 11 March 2022. QSL cards will not be provided. (TNX 425DX)

HA, HUNGARY The following special event stations mark the 200th birthday of the Hungarian poet Sandor Petofi until March 15: **HG200AN, HG200DO, HG200EF, HG200IR, HG200OT** und **HG200PS**. QRV on HF on CW, SSB, and FT8. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

HH, HAITI Special event station **HH75RCH** will be QRV from Port-au-Prince, Haïti until May 1 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of RaBdio Club D'Haïti. QRV on HF bands, QSL via N2OO. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Novara will be active as **II1CAI** from 15 February to 30 June. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

March: **II4ANC**; ANCONA: radio communication experiments with Poldhu station (Cornwall) (1904)

April: **II4BRI**; BARI: inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes (1904)

May: **II4GNV**; GENUA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ319TS** (February), **LZ522ME** (March and April), **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713> (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio

Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100, TC100TA, TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA Members of the Newfoundland based Grassroots Amateur Radio Club (VO1GRC) will be active as **VO1TAP** from 18 February to 18 March. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. The callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS "Truxtun" and USS "Pollux" naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity to start on 26 February until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

YO, ROMANIA **YR1400VT** is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)